



Regional Service Council Minutes Indiana Department of Child Services Region # 14

Meeting Date: April 19, 2011

Meeting Location: Foundation for Youth (FFY) (Multi-purpose Room)

Council Members Present: Heather Angebrandt, Robyn Dykstra, Traci Eggleston, Laura Gentry, Tammi Hickman, Heather Kestian, Mark Loyd, Heather Mollo, Karen Munson, Amanda Rittenhouse, Jodi Stockdale, and Herbert Walker

Council Members Absent: Marsha Goecker, Kristen Obermeyer, Regional Child Welfare Services Coordinator, and Jack Tandy

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:34 a.m.

- 1. Welcome:** Laura welcomed members and audience. Introductions were made.
- 2. Approval of March 1, 2011 Minutes:** Heather Kestian made a minor spelling error correction to the minutes. Judge Mollo made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Heather Angebrandt seconded the motion, and members present approved with correction.
- 3. Regional Services- Community Partners for Child Safety (CPCS):** Hanna Maulin went over the CPCS Report for April 2011. There were 184 referrals for the quarter. Jon Bennett gave an update on the transition of CPCS from Children's Bureau to The Villages. Jon introduced three providers to give their quarterly report to RSC members. Rachel Clark, ATTEND (BCSC) gave members a report regarding services that they provided for the quarter. Stacey Waskom, Big Brothers/Big Sister (Jennings & Jackson) gave members a report regarding services that they provided for the quarter. Casey Boilanger, CAP Council gave members a report for the quarter regarding the services that they provided.
- 4. Prevention / Child Welfare Services- Services Needed, RFP's:** Currently the region has nine service standards for prevention services and eleven providers contracting the services. The new contracts will begin July 1, 2011 and the services standards will need to be decided. Providers will be given information on when the Requests for Proposals (RFP's) will be due. A subcommittee will review the RFP's and determine what services will be funded to meet prevention

needs. Region 14 was allocated \$236,411 for this contracting period to begin July 1, 2011 and utilized until June 30, 2012.

- 5. Safely Home, Families First- Practice Indicators:** DCS will be looking at four specific Practice Indicators to determine the needs of children and families to assist with keeping children in the most family like setting. Efforts to support the DCS practice model will continue supporting keeping children at home when they can be kept safe and looking at family placements when children cannot remain at home safely. The specific Practice Indicators that will be monitored include: Increase Relative Placements, Increase Absence of Repeat Maltreatment, Decrease Stay/Children out of Home Placement, Decrease Rate of Removals to Substantiated Assessments. Monitoring the data will help determine what trends DCS needs to focus on to improve safety for children. Director Payne will administer a Director's Note that will further explain this process.
- 6. Biennial Regional Strategic Plan (BRSP):** Planning will begin to develop the BRSP for Region 14 to begin in February 2012. A workgroup needs to be developed consisting all five Local office Directors, Regional Finance Manager, a Probation Representative, a Judge or designee, foster parent, CASA/GAL, 211 Representative and any others identified by the RSC. Judge Loyd requested a prosecutor and/or public defender as an additional member. Judge Mollo felt a Child Protection Team member and a law enforcement official would be helpful. Amanda Rittenhouse suggested having an FCM on the committee. A provider from the audience also suggested that a representative from the provider community be included in the workgroup. Kristen Obermeyer, Regional Services Coordinator will also assist with the BRSP. There will be a series of four to five meetings prior to December 2011 to develop the plan with the first meeting being in May 2011.
- 7. Regional Budget:** Steve Adams gave members an update on the budget. Region 14 should be around 75% but is overspending by 5%. The region is at 80%, Bartholomew is at 79%, Jackson is at 74%, Jennings is at 87%, Johnson is at 79%, and Shelby is at 93%. Shelby's percent is being re-considered due to an error in charges. Steve mentioned that there will be a mechanism put in place in order to keep this from happening in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:50 a.m.

Next Meeting Dates & Times:

May 17, 2011 8:30-10:00

June 21, 2011 8:30-10:00

July 19, 2011 8:30-10:00

Location:

Foundation for Youth Center (Multi-purpose Room)

405 Hope Ave. Columbus, IN 47201